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101. (Amended) A method according to any one of claims ~~82~~ ⁵³
[and] ~~or 86~~ ⁵⁷ further comprising a step of removing said gettering
layer after the gettering.

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102. (Amended) A method according to any one of claims ~~81~~ ⁵²,
~~83-85~~ ^{54 56} [and] ~~or 87-89~~ ^{58 60} wherein said phosphorus is introduced using
an acceleration voltage.

REMARKS

Claims 26-76, 78-79, and 81-102 are pending. Claims 31 and 56 have been cancelled. Claims 26, 28, 34, 36, 41, 44, 50-51, 53, 61, 66, 69, 75-76, 81-96, 98, and 100-102 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Claims 26-33, 51-58, and 90-95 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. This rejection has been obviated by the amendment to the claims.

Claims 28, 31, 36, 41, 44, 50, 53, 56, 61, 66, 69, 75-76, 78-79, and 87-100 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. This rejection has been obviated by the amendment to the claims.

Claims 76, 78-79, and 90-95 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent No. 5-109737.

This rejection has been obviated by the amendment of claim 76 to specifically include a limiting language "after said crystallization" in a gettering layer forming step.

With respect to Japanese Patent No. 5-109737, Applicants would like to draw the Examiner's attention to a full English translation of this application that was filed on January 20, 2000.

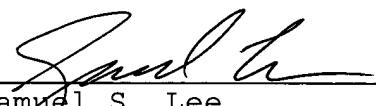
Claims 26-76, 78-79, and 81-102 stand rejected under the doctrine of double patenting. A Terminal Disclaimer was filed on January 20, 2000 with respect to these claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, all of the pending claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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